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TASTY MATERIAL, THE VOLATILE COMPONENT AND FOODS
AND DRINKS CONTAINING THE VOLATILE COMPONENT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(c)

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Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 3,421,901 was cited in a previously filed IDS.

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Respectfully submitted,

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